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4-48 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1867

The pair of houses at 4-6 E. Cross St. was originally built as a pair of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, but 4 E. Cross St. has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 8 E. Cross St. is a small, two story, gable-roofed house typical of the type built on nearby Patapsco St. in the 1850's. 10 and 12-38 E. Cross St. are all three story, two bay wide, brick houses with gable roofs that serve a mixed commercial/residential purpose. The houses were built both just before and just after the Civil War by John S. Gittings and George Williamson, who each built alternating pairs of similar houses. 26-28 and 38 E. Cross St. have had their original gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs and 38 E. Cross St. has a bracketed cornice. 46 E. Cross St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice whose first floor area is currently being converted to a shopfront. 48 E. Cross St. is a two story, two bay wide, brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice which has recently been converted to modern shopfront space.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18-20 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1860's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Cross St. 18 Cross St. has been covered with formstone and the first floor area of 20 Cross St. has been converted into a store-front.

The houses are three stories in height, 14 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 73' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but 18 Cross has been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice, which has later decorative diagonal brickwork at 20 Cross. There is a paired double rectangular chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses on both the front and rear roof gables.

All of the door and window openings have splayed brick lintels. The sills at 20 Cross are stone but they seem to be relatively new. The sills at 18 Cross are hidden by the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. At 18 Cross there is a modern flush door set beneath a single light transom. The first floor area of 20 Cross has been converted into a modern store-front. The entire facade is faced with black, glazed tiles. There is a glass and panel door located in the easternmost bay, flanked by a wide shop window consisting of one single rectangular light set over multi-lights. Three wide transom lights are set across the top of the store-front. There is no cornice. Both entrances are reached by one stone step. A flat-roofed alleyway runs between the two houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1858-1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Williamson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 12 E. Cross St.

The first owner of the houses was a George Zeun, who operated a tobacco shop at 18 E. Cross St. and probably rented 20 E. Cross to another shop-keeper tenant.¹ Zeun retained ownership until 1884.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1868-9

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'6" x 73' each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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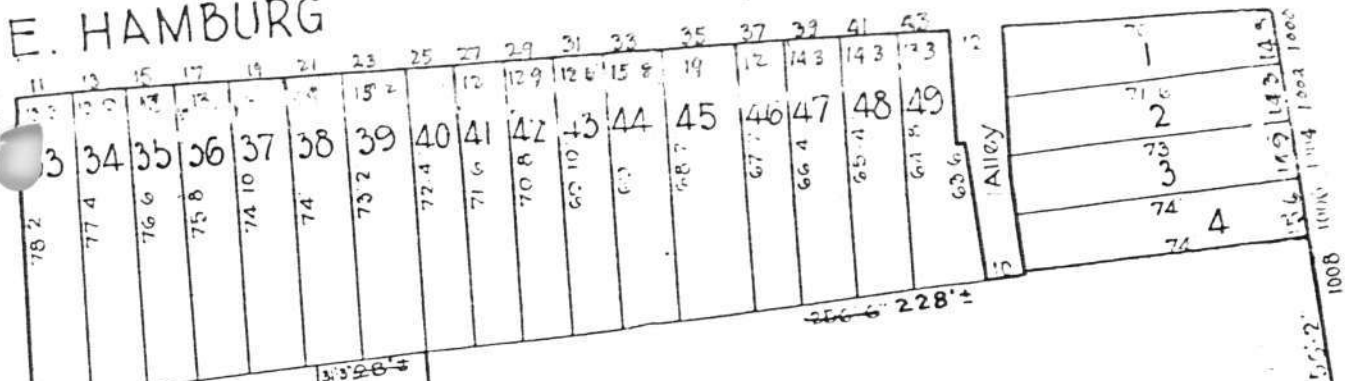
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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E. HAMBURG

ST



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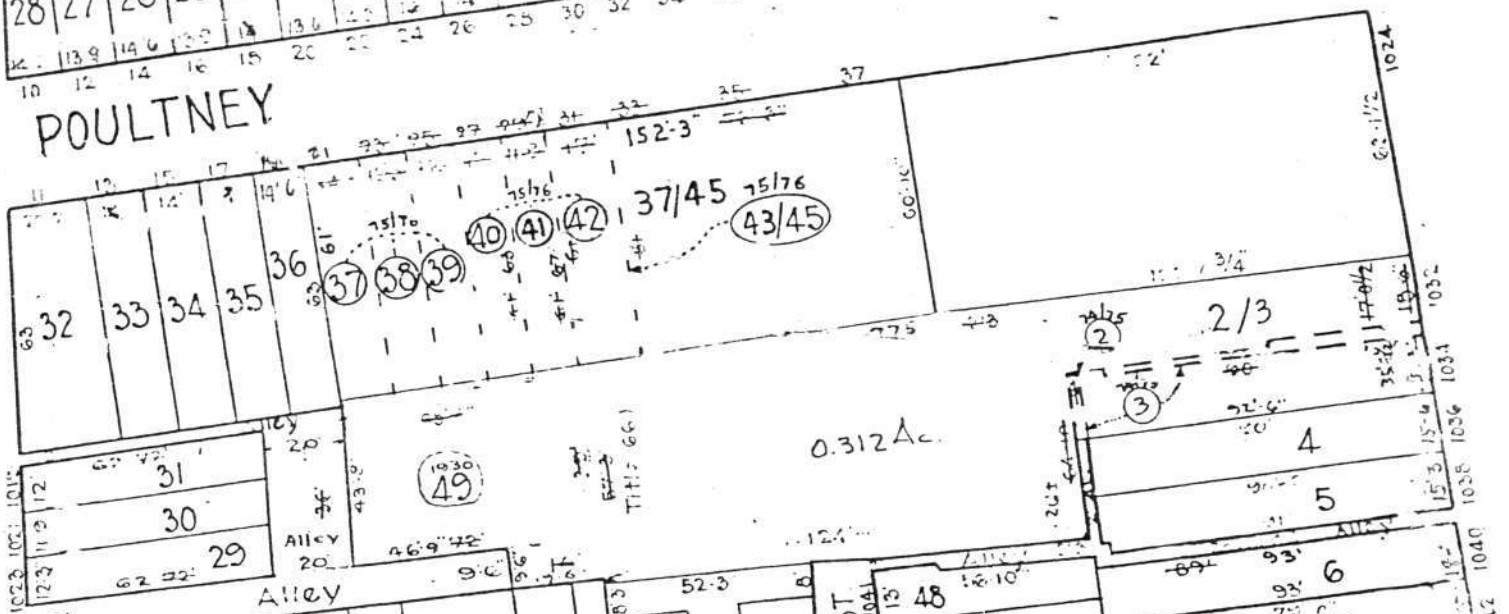
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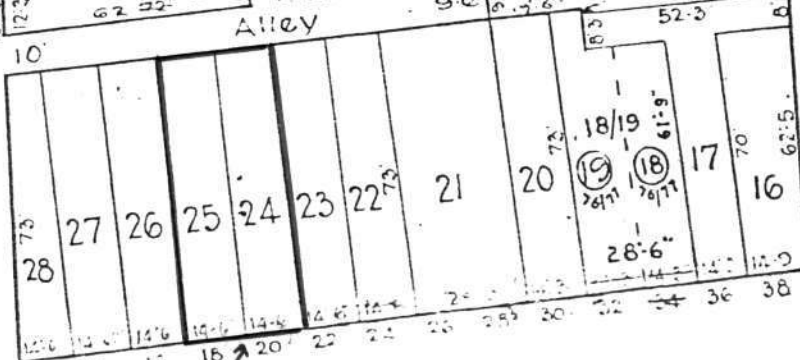
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ST. MARSHALL



ST.

E. CROSS

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18-20 E. Cross Street
Block 0935A Lots 025-024
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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18-20 E. Cross St.

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South elevation